

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 29, 2003, applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-22, 30, 38, and 40-44, for examination. With respect to the requirement for an election of species, applicants elect compound i(c) at page 49. If the Examiner requires further detail as to the substituent groups for the election of species, applicants elect compound (c) at page 49 wherein the substituents groups are the same as Example 14. Applicants understand that once the elected species is examined and found patentable, the Examiner will continue the examination until the remaining subject matter in Group I is found to be patentable. Applicants have amended the claims to reflect Group I and note that claims 1, 2, and 6-22 read on the elected species.

This response to restriction is made with traverse and without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue non-elected subject matter in one or more divisional applications. Applicants traverse on the grounds that the compounds of the present can be searched without undue burden.

Respectfully submitted.

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